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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

SEPTEMBER 1956

Production of ice cream in the United States was estimated at 54,060,000 gallons -- 6 percent smaller than the September output last year, but 3 percent larger than the 5-year, 1950-54, average for the month, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. This was the smallest September production since 1952 and was the third consecutive month in which output fell below that of the corresponding month of 1955. Between August and September, production dropped 25 percent this year, compared with a decline of 24 percent last year and an average decrease of only 18 percent between these months in the 5-year period, 1950-54. September temperatures were not too favorable for ice cream consumption in most of the eastern half of the Country. In the first 9 months of 1956, output was up 3 percent from the same period of 1955 and was 10 percent above the January-September average during 1950-54. The butterfat content of ice cream made in September averaged 11.5 percent for the Country as a whole, the same as in August, but slightly more than the 11.4 percent average reported for September ice cream last year.

Compared with September 1955, ice cream production was smaller in all sections of the Country, the losses varying from 2 percent in the South Atlantic States to 13 percent in the West North Central. The only states to indicate gains were: Connecticut, Illinois, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Texas. Output was down 3 percent in the South Central Region, 5 percent in the North Atlantic, and 6 percent in the East North Central. In the West, production was off 8 percent in the Mountain States and 10 percent in the Pacific. In the three leading ice cream producing states, output was 1 percent below a year ago in Pennsylvania and was down 4 percent in New York and 7 percent in California. Increases in production from the 1950-54 average for September were estimated for all regions except the West North Central and the Pacific.

UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM BY MONTHS, JAN. - SEPTEMBER 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1950-54	1954*	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	AVERAGE*		1955	1956	1950-54 Av.	1955
		Thousand Gallons				Percent
January .....	34,512	33,814	36,855	41,540	+ 20	+ 13
February .....	36,013	38,267	37,120	44,180	+ 23	+ 19
March .....	42,664	46,133	50,285	51,015	+ 20	+ 1
April .....	46,977	50,686	50,180	50,930	+ 8	+ 1
May .....	56,195	52,186	58,970	62,920	+ 12	+ 7
June .....	65,321	66,276	66,940	69,965	+ 7	+ 5
July .....	69,882	69,210	71,285	70,645	+ 1	- 1
August .....	64,298	63,518	75,585	72,205	+ 12	- 4
September .....	52,556	54,544	57,515	54,060	+ 3	- 6
NINE MONTH TOTAL	468,418	474,634	504,735	517,460	+ 10	+ 3

SHERBET PRODUCTION

Sherbet production in September, estimated at 2,750,000 gallons, was 10 percent smaller than the output of September a year ago, but was 17 percent above the 5-year, 1950-54, average for the month. Production declined 39 percent between August and September this year, compared with a drop of 41 percent a year earlier.

UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF SHERBET BY MONTHS, JAN. - SEPTEMBER 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1950-54	1954*	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	AVERAGE*		1955	1956	1950-54 Av.	1955
	Thousand Gallons		Percent			
January .....	973	1,258	1,195	1,470	+ 51	+ 23
February .....	1,108	1,519	1,320	1,580	+ 43	+ 20
March .....	1,521	2,178	2,310	2,090	+ 37	- 10
April .....	1,934	2,797	2,825	2,500	+ 29	- 12
May .....	2,729	3,426	3,805	3,750	+ 37	- 1
June .....	3,690	4,943	4,645	4,890	+ 33	+ 5
July .....	4,057	5,588	5,255	4,800	+ 18	- 9
August .....	3,286	4,278	5,175	4,490	+ 37	- 13
September .....	2,347	2,999	3,050	2,750	+ 17	- 10
NINE MONTH TOTAL	21,645	28,986	29,580	28,320	+ 31	- 4

\*From enumerations.

## ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM: SEPTEMBER 1956 WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	5-YEAR SEPTEMBER AVERAGE 1950-54*	SEPTEMBER			PERCENT CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER 1956 PRODUCTION FROM:	
		1954*	1955	1956	5-YEAR AVERAGE	SEPT. 1955
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
Massachusetts .....	1,855	1,869	1,950	1,690	- 9	- 13
Connecticut .....	653	669	585	610	- 7	+ 4
New York .....	5,203	5,295	6,010	5,765	+ 11	- 4
New Jersey .....	1,291	1,531	1,595	1,410	+ 9	- 12
Pennsylvania .....	6,234	6,307	6,650	6,590	+ 6	- 1
Other N. A. States ..	866	882	965	875	+ 1	- 9
NO. ATLANTIC STATES	16,102	16,553	17,755	16,910	+ 5	- 5
Ohio .....	3,278	3,469	3,695	3,500	+ 7	- 5
Indiana .....	1,762	1,969	2,000	1,870	+ 6	- 6
Illinois .....	2,705	2,659	2,780	2,950	+ 9	+ 6
Michigan .....	2,454	2,520	2,660	2,310	- 5	- 12
Wisconsin .....	1,574	1,739	2,020	1,680	+ 7	- 17
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	11,773	12,356	13,155	12,310	+ 5	- 6
Minnesota .....	1,245	1,311	1,225	1,090	- 12	- 11
Iowa .....	988	1,082	1,180	930	- 6	- 21
Missouri .....	1,452	1,418	1,640	1,470	+ 1	- 10
N. & S. Dakota .....	383	348	355	320	- 16	- 10
Nebraska .....	518	585	625	590	+ 14	- 6
Kansas .....	590	638	660	555	- 6	- 16
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	5,176	5,382	5,685	4,955	- 4	- 13
District of Columbia	520	440	465	425	- 18	- 9
Maryland .....	870	986	995	980	+ 13	- 2
Virginia .....	964	1,026	965	980	+ 2	+ 2
West Virginia .....	486	446	460	450	- 7	- 2
North Carolina .....	1,285	1,423	1,185	1,080	- 16	- 9
Georgia .....	721	741	790	830	+ 15	+ 5
Florida .....	949	1,146	1,145	1,160	+ 22	+ 1
Other S.A. States ...	432	447	400	360	- 17	- 10
SO. ATLANTIC STATES	6,227	6,655	6,405	6,265	+ 1	- 2
Tennessee .....	1,140	1,268	1,390	1,230	+ 8	- 12
Alabama .....	679	822	800	800	+ 18	0
Louisiana .....	723	817	990	840	+ 16	- 15
Oklahoma .....	533	499	450	440	- 17	- 2
Texas .....	2,074	1,865	1,835	2,070	0	+ 13
Other S.C. States ...	1,083	1,209	1,230	1,115	+ 3	- 9
SO. CENTRAL STATES	6,232	6,480	6,695	6,495	+ 4	- 3
Colorado .....	499	520	545	545	+ 9	0
Other Mt. States ....	1,139	1,164	1,260	1,115	- 2	- 12
MOUNTAIN STATES	1,638	1,684	1,805	1,660	+ 1	- 8
Washington .....	777	825	920	745	- 4	- 19
Oregon .....	565	492	555	460	- 19	- 17
California .....	4,066	4,117	4,540	4,200	+ 3	- 7
PACIFIC STATES	5,408	5,434	6,015	5,405	0	- 10
UNITED STATES	52,556	54,544	57,515	54,060	+ 3	- 6

\*From complete annual surveys.